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SUBJECT: INDIA-US TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE CURRENT STATUS OF INDIA-US TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH B.L. DAS, NEW JOINT SECRETARY (TEXTILES) IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND URGED THAT THE GOI CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT AS NEGOTIATED. DAS RESPONDED THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WAS RELATIVELY GOOD (WITH ONE EXCEPTION). HE SAID THAT THE GOI VERY MUCH WANTED TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH AND HAD SO ADVISED DIXIT IN WASHINGTON.

2. DAS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GOI HAD ONE MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE PROPOSED DRAFT NOTE. ACCORDING TO THE INDIAN DELEGATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION (AND HENCE NO AGREEMENT) IN WASHINGTON ON THE FOLLOWING PROVISION: "ALL OTHER CATEGORIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION LEVELS AS FOLLOWS: ONE MILLION SYE FOR NON-APPAREL CATEGORIES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBERS, 700,000 SYE FOR APPAREL CATEGORIES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBERS, 100,000 SYE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF WOOL." HE SAID THAT, WITH THESE CON-

STRINT LEVELSZN THE GOI MIGHT BE UNABLE T REACH OVERALL GROUP LEVELS, WHICH VITIATED THE ESSENTIAL BENEFITS OF THE AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, THE GOI WOULD LIKE TO HAVETHIS PROVISION REMOVED FROM THE DRAFT NOTE. HE SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MKIE SMITH (STR) AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

3. IN ADDITION, DAS MNETIONED THREE MINOR ITEMS WHICH HE SAID SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY PROBLEM BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

(1) HE SAID PARAGRAPH 13 OF THE NOTE HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS A

D THAT GOI WOULD PREFER TO HAVE A FORMU-

LAATON OF THIS PROVISION SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE PREVIOUS

AGREEMENT. (2) HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO PARAGRAPH IN THE

TEXT DEALING WITH THE EXPORTS OF MADE-UP GOODS AND THAT SUCH A PARAGRAPH COULD BE INSERTED BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS 17 AND 18 OF THE NOTE. (3) HE THOUGHT THAT THE NOTE SHOULD EXPLICITLY STATE THAT INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION LEVELS HAVE A 7 PERCENT ANNUAL INCREASE.

4. DAS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DIXIT AND SMITH COULD WORK OUT THE MAJOR DIFFICULTY INWASHINGTON.
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